

Keeping Chickens In the City of New Richmond



- **Per City Ordinance #444:**

- Chickens are allowed on all residential lots, with the permission of 75% of abutting property owners, **and** a license from the City of New Richmond. Please check covenants, if applicable, to see if chickens are allowed.
- 3 hens are allowed on lots of less than ½ acre.
- 5 hens are allowed on lots of greater than ½ acre.
- NO roosters!

- **Coop Design:**

- Shall not exceed 64 square feet in size, and be no taller than 8 feet.
- Minimum 3 square feet per chicken.
- Coop floor shall either be:
 - Elevated with a clear open space of 24 inches between the ground surface & floor of coop OR
 - In contact with ground surface and constructed of concrete or naturally decaying resistant/pressure treated wood
- Coop yards or runs shall be enclosed with wire netting with a protective overhead to prevent chickens from escaping. Wire netting shall not exceed 8 feet in height.
- There must be at least 1 nesting box per 2 chickens.
- There must be elevated perches.
- There must be 1 square foot of window for each ten feet of wall space.
- Exterior covering shall be typical residential type materials as approved by the uniform dwelling code.

- **Coop Placement:**

- Coop and any attached enclosure shall be a minimum of 25 feet from a residential structure located on abutting property and a minimum of 10 feet from the licensee's property line.
- All coops shall be located in a rear yard.

- **Permits:**

- Initial fee of \$75, annual renewal fee of \$15.
- License expires on June 30th of each year.
- Permit renewal must be done prior to March 31st.
- With initial permit application, please submit a site plan showing the placement of the coop, and a plan showing the design/construction of the proposed coop for review by the building inspector.
- Once the coop is built and inspected the license will be issued.
 - Please call 715-246-4268 to set up final inspection.